

## Community Outpatient Penetration Rates - General Population by Race/Ethnicity

**Operational Definition:** The proportion of people in the general population who received publicly funded outpatient mental health services in the Fiscal Year by Race/Ethnicity

**Operational Measure:** This is calculated by dividing the number of clients who received outpatient mental health services in a Fiscal Year by an estimate of the general population on April 1st of the Calendar Year.

### Formulas:

Number of clients receiving outpatient mental health services during Fiscal Year

{ Asian/Pac. Islander, Afr. American, Caucasian, Hispanic, Nat. American }

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Estimate of people in the general population in the Calendar Year

{ Asian/Pac. Islander, Afr. American, Caucasian, Hispanic, Nat. American }

**Discussion:** The penetration rates for ethnic minorities show similar patterns across the 3 Fiscal years. African Americans and Native Americans have a higher penetration rate than other ethnic minority groups.

### Data Notes:

- All Community Outpatient penetration rates (i.e. count of people receiving service) include clients who receive any outpatient services whether it was reported as an hour or a day of service..
- Population numbers used to calculate penetration rates are taken from Washington State's Office of Financial Management (OFM), which are based on estimates from the 2000 Census (<http://www.ofm.wa.gov/pop/default.asp>).
- Counts are of people, not admissions, episodes, or units of services.
- RSN counts show the number of unduplicated clients within each RSN (i.e. a person is counted once in each RSN where they receive services).
- The State total is unduplicated across all RSNs (i.e. each person is only counted once in the Statewide total even though they can be counted in more than one RSN).
- Race/ethnicity is calculated using the MHD-CIS data elements of ethnicity and Hispanic origin. If a client is reported as Hispanic, then the client is counted as Hispanic and their race is not reported.
- If a client has more than one ethnicity or Hispanic origin value reported within the Fiscal Year, then the most recent value is used.
- The category other/unknown includes the following Race/ethnicity categories: missing or unknown, other, or more than one race reported.
- Population numbers by race/ethnicity are taken from Washington State's Office of Financial Management (OFM) estimates, which are based on the 2000 Census (<http://www.ofm.wa.gov/pop/default.asp>). At the time of this report, 2005 estimates were not available, so 2004 numbers were used.

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| Race/Ethnicity          | FY-2003 |            |      | FY-2004 |            |      | FY-2005 |            |      |
|-------------------------|---------|------------|------|---------|------------|------|---------|------------|------|
|                         | Served  | Population | Rate | Served  | Population | Rate | Served  | Population | Rate |
| African Americans       | 8,827   | 198,793    | 4.4% | 9,251   | 200,869    | 4.6% | 8,949   | 200,869    | 4.5% |
| Asian/Pacific Islanders | 2,792   | 377,908    | 0.7% | 2,919   | 383,941    | 0.8% | 2,843   | 383,941    | 0.7% |
| Caucasians              | 90,311  | 4,774,152  | 1.9% | 91,210  | 4,808,975  | 1.9% | 87,658  | 4,808,975  | 1.8% |
| Hispanics               | 9,980   | 503,086    | 2.0% | 10,589  | 517,706    | 2.0% | 10,006  | 517,706    | 1.9% |
| Native Americans        | 3,952   | 89,395     | 4.4% | 3,797   | 91,053     | 4.2% | 3,574   | 91,053     | 3.9% |
| Other/ Unknown          | 12,170  |            |      | 13,575  |            |      | 12,979  |            |      |
| Total Served            | 128,032 | 6,104,807  | 2.1% | 131,341 | 6,167,868  | 2.1% | 126,009 | 6,167,868  | 2.0% |

